

## MINUTES

### NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

Thursday, January 24, 2013  
Lewis and Clark Gymnasium  
6:00 PM

#### CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Members Present: Sandra Guynn, Judy Tankink, Harold Wheeler, and Aaron Purcell

Council Members Absent: Audrey Finlayson

The meeting was recorded and will be made available to the public with a records request. They can also be requested directly from NC4.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Officer Clint Houston, GFPD and his canine partner Shep gave a demonstration and also provided an opportunity for the children in the audience to interact with Shep while the NC4 business portion of the meeting resumed.

Sandra thanked eastside eateries for their donation of food for the Open House. Restaurants included: Bar S, Loft, Maple Garden, and Side Track Lounge.

Ida Meehan, City Comprehensive Planner for the Department of Planning and Community Development for the City of Great Falls provided information on the City's Growth Policy update entitled Imagine Great Falls. She explained the four working groups: Social, Environmental, Economic, and Physical.

Ida said the City is entering into the next phase, which is to weave all of the information received from presentations into a preliminary plan. The preliminary plan will be shared with the public at an open house sometime this spring; then it goes to the City Commission for possible adoption.

Judy Tankink asked who exactly is responsible for "weaving all the information together". Ida answered that it would be coordinated with different departments within the City.

Judy said that all previous Growth Policy working group and public meetings emphatically stated that the Growth Policy would not be considered *regulatory*. However, the Supreme Court of Montana had recently ruled otherwise. She asked if there was any way that language stating that the Growth Policy is "not regulatory" could be placed into the new Growth Policy. Ida said she would need to review those findings, but any ordinance that is adopted by the City Commission has to go through a separate advertising and public hearing process if it is deemed regulatory.

Ida engaged the audience in two exercises to identify strengths and weaknesses for NC4 and NC5. Ida recorded responses from the following people: Rudolf Tankink, 3620 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue North; Eric Ray, 3401 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue South; Patty Cadwell, City of Great Falls; Carol Olthoff, 717 43<sup>rd</sup> St N; Donald and Gloria Bedker, 3333 17th Avenue South; Brian Lundquist, 116 Sharon Drive; Nick Jeffries, 501 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, and Robert Chacon, 4810 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North. She assured us that our responses will be included in the final report.

Judy commented that she was concerned that her comments from some of the *working groups* were not included in the working group minutes. Ida assured her that since the working groups were completed, Judy's comments would be included as an attachment.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

After a brief discussion regarding a zoning change for a proposed storage unit at 4727 2nd Avenue North, Harold Wheeler made a motion to recommend that the NC4 request that the City Commission approve the change in zoning. The motion was seconded by Judy Tankink and was approved unanimously. Brian Buffington with Woith Engineering, 1725 41<sup>st</sup> S, was in attendance representing Jim Workman, who is the developer of the property.

Sandra Guynn mentioned that the Council of Councils will be meeting on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Gibson Room in the Civic Center.

Sandra said there will be a meet and greet elected officials on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, from 5:30 – 6:30 PM in the Gibson Room in the Civic Center. The public is invited.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Judy gave a brief report on the January 15<sup>th</sup> City Commission Meeting that affect NC4. AgriTech park annexation was approved.

Harold Wheeler gave a brief report on the Police Advisory Board. He updated us on the DDACTS (Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety). There is a paid full-time position open for a volunteer coordinator.

#### **NEXT MEETING OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL 4:**

February 28, 2013

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Harold Wheeler made a motion to adjourn. Judy Tankink seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Tankink, Recorder